What we've learned... what we'll miss..

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The Class of 2021 aren't the only people officially leaving campus. Over the course of the year, a dozen faculty members made the decision to move on: (US English) Emily Anderson, Matt Hoven, Philip de Sa e Silva, Megan Erickson, Claire Wahmanholm, (Design Lab) Kirsten Hoogenakker, (German) Jutta Crowder, (Math), Mary Lincoln, Paula Grossman, (Science) Sam Hinh, (Wellness) Will Johnson, and US Principal Max Delgado announced their plans and some have already left. Below are a collection of quotes from faculty who will finish out their time at SPA as this school year ends.

What I have cherished is the incredible energy and inquisitive questions and power that the students bring to their studies. It's been awesome to be working with students who are so interested and gifted and talented, and to see the students who I teach as beginners walk away from SPA with proficiency in German.

> Jutta Crowder

I learned how to be a better teacher. I learned that through colleagues and groups I worked with in the faculty... What makes a school like SPA so special is that we get to work with other faculty and we have some of the smartest, most thoughtful and creative people. Through collegial work and time together I really feel challenged and motivated to do what I do, and do it really well.

I think the thing I'm going to miss the most is the connections I've made with students, and with teachers and with the administrative team...some of the best people I've ever worked with I have found here.

> Max Delgado

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Any memory of laughing with students is a fond memory. I can't tell you how many times students made me laugh until I cried.

Philip de Sa e Silva

I think it's fun teaching kids, having pretty rowdy classrooms, those are the fun days... but usually what I enjoy the most is the banter, when you just walk across the halls... So I think that would be the most memorable thing: the weird conversations that I have just walking places.

> Sam Hinh

Through all the teams I coached and classes I taught, I learned that teaching and coaching young people is what I'm supposed to be doing with my life. It's a really cool feeling, finally knowing what you're passionate about, and my time around all the students at SPA made me realize that.

Mary Lincoln

Will Johnson

One of the greatest lessons I learned is that nothing will go completely as planned (like the year 2020), but you can make the best of any situation and emerge stronger and more resilient.



Megan **Erickson**